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United States Bankruptcy Court 450 Golden Gate Avenue, 18th Fl. Mail Box 36099 San Francisco CA 94102 United States of America



Oslo, 6th November 2020

Case No.: 19-30207

Chapter: 7

In Re:

Harvey Robert Klyce, Debtor Bankruptcy Linda S. Green, Trustee in Bankruptcy Plaintiffs

VS.

Vanja Elisabeth Flak Defendant Norwegian State Educational Loan Fund, (Statens lånekasse for utdanning) Defendants

Adversary Proceeding No. 19-03051

1 I acknowledge receipt of the plaintiff's pleadings of September 29<sup>th</sup> 2020 and the Amended Notice of Hearing.

### 2 The Facts

**2.1** In its recent pleadings at ¶¶1 through 5 the plaintiff is dealing with the "Factual Background", claiming that "there are no disputed material facts". I am writing to supplement and correct the facts presented by the plaintiff.

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- **2.2** From the documents already submitted to the Court it is evident that the transfer ("wire out") of USD 21.000 on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019 was not a transfer made to the NSELF. The plaintiff has offered no explanation as to who received this amount.
- **2.3** It is incorrect that "This \$21,000 payment is reflected on the debtor and his spouses USAA bank account" (¶3) in so far as the plaintiff is claiming that the recipient of that transfer was the NSELF. Neither the declaration now made by Linda S. Green nor the bank statement (Exhibit B) state who received the amount.
- 2.4 What the Fund received more than two months later, on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 was a different amount, in a different currency: NOK 150.000.

As explained in para 4.2 in my answer to the Court, the payment made by Mrs. Flak to the NSELF was from her own bank account. To further clarify this point I present to the Court evidence that the bank account in question was Mrs. Vanja Flak's own in the Norwegian branch of Nordea Bank; a Swedish Bank.

The enclosed Exhibit A – an e-mail from the Nordea Bank made to the NSELF – confirms that the Norwegian bank account 6321 10 53358, from which Mrs. Flak made the payment to the NSELF, was in her name, and that neither Mr. Klyce nor any other person were authorized signatories of the account. The bank's statement to the NSELF reads as follows:

"It is Vanja Flak born 29 08 76 [August 29<sup>th</sup> 1976] who is the holder of account 6321 10 53358.

I cannot see that there are others who has the right to dispose over this account." (Norwegian text in yellow in Exhibit A; my translation)

- 2.5 The "discrepancy" (for which the plaintiff has no explanation, ¶4) between USD 21.000 (wired out from the US account) and NOK 150.000 (received by the NSELF) is easily explained:
  - these are two different transfers,
  - made by different persons,
  - from two different accounts,
  - on different dates,
  - · to different recipients
- **2.6** Hence, it cannot be disputed that NSELF did not receive the USD 21.000. The fund did receive nothing from any American source.

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### 3 The defendant's position

- 3.1 On the one hand, it is evident that Mrs. Flak's down payment of NOK 147.087<sup>1</sup> on her loan from NSELF was received by the NSELF from her Norwegian bank account. This was the account she regularly used.
- 3.2 The NSELF had no information indicating that any other person than Mrs. Flak made the payment or was the source. Neither, of course, had the NSELF any information about Mr. Klyce's affairs, his insolvency or any transfer made from the American bank account.
- 3.3 In the spirit of co-operation with the Court and the bankruptcy estate, the NSELF is willing to stipulate that the down payment of NOK 147.087 made by Mrs. Flak to the Fund in fact stemmed from the money (USD 21.000) she two and a half months earlier (directly or indirectly) received from the spouses' US bank account.
- 3.4 My client asks the Court to apply relevant US law to these facts. Unless there is a legal basis for the claim raised by the bankruptcy estate, the Court is asked to find in favour of the NSELF.
- **3.5** The consequence of any adverse finding by the Court cannot exceed the equivalent of NOK 147.087.
- **3.6** Given the presentation made by the plaintiff there is in no event reasonable grounds for ordering the NSELF to pay costs of suit.

Oslo, 6th November 2020

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As explained in para 4.1 in my answer to the Court, the rest of the transfer (NOK 2.766,84 + NOK 146,16) was paid by Mrs. Flak as the regular monthly payment.

The defendant requests the court take judicial notice of the following document:

Exhibit	Document	Filed
A	E-mail 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 (at 15:29) from Nordea Bank, Cash Management Customer Service (Essendrops gate 7, 0368 Oslo, Norway) to Lånekassen [NSELF]	October 8 <sup>th</sup> 2020

# **EXHIBIT** A

### **Tolle Stabell**

Fra:

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Sendt:

fredag 16. oktober 2020 14:48

Til:

Tolle Stabell

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Jeg viser til telefonsamtale nå nylig og videresender korrespondansen nedenfor som avtalt. Er dette tilstrekkelig i denne omgangen?

### Vennlig hilsen

Steve Byermoen seniorrådgiver

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Hei!

Det er Vanja Flak født 29 08 76 som er innehaver av konto 6321 10 53358. Jeg kan ikke se at det er flere disponenter på denne kontoen.

Med vennlig hilsen

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